

Government of the District of Columbia

District Department of the Environment

**Lead and Healthy Housing Division
Compliance & Enforcement Branch**



District of Columbia Lead-Based Paint Activities Certification Examination Frequently Asked Questions

What are certification exams?

Certification exams are required for the disciplines of Lead Inspector, Risk Assessor and Abatement Supervisor to be certified in the District of Columbia.

Which certification exams are administered by the District of Columbia?

The lead-based paint certification exams administered by the District of Columbia are the Inspector, Risk Assessor, EPA Abatement Supervisor national exams and the District of Columbia (DC) law exam. Each exam is offered in English and Spanish.

Where and when can I take the certification exams?

The exams are administered every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1200 First Street, NE 5th floor unless a holiday or room availability requires that we change the date.

Does the District of Columbia have reciprocity with other states?

Yes, the District of Columbia has reciprocity with all States that administer the same Inspector, Risk Assessor and Supervisor exams as the District of Columbia. However, before an individual is granted reciprocity by the District of Columbia, they must take and pass the DC law exam.

How many questions are on each exam?

The Inspector and Supervisor exams are 100 questions. The Risk Assessor exam is 110 questions. The DC law exam is 20 questions.

What is considered a passing score?

A passing score for the certification exams is 70% or higher.

How much time is given for each exam?

The District of Columbia allows two (2) hours for the Inspector, Risk Assessor and Supervisor exams and one (1) hour for the DC law exam. The examination times can increase if the administrator deems it necessary.



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Is there a cost for the certification exams?

No

What materials should I use to study for the certification exams?

Study materials for the exams include all items distributed during the training course and any additional items available to the individual. To prepare for the DC law exam, individuals should review the DC law. Additionally, the DC law exam is open book and available at www.green.dc.gov, click on Lead and Healthy Housing listed under DDOE services.

How can I register to take the certification exams?

Individuals can register for the exams by calling 202-535-1934. Individuals will be asked to provide their name, the month in which they would like to take the exams, which exam they need to take and a contact number. Also, please inform us if a Spanish language exam or special assistance is needed.

Does the District of Columbia offer six (6) month interim certification?

Yes

What will happen if I fail the certification exams?

If individuals do not score a 70% or better on the certification exams, they are allowed to re-take the exam three times within six (6) months of the certification training course. If the discipline certification exam and DC law exam are not passed within six (6) months, the individual must retake the certification course from an accredited District of Columbia training provider before being allowed to take the certification exams again.

What is the process after I pass the certification exams?

The process will depend on several variables such as if the individual has a six (6) month interim certification, when the accredited District of Columbia training course certificate expires, the date of the liability insurance for Risk Assessors and other items. Compliance and Enforcement staff will go over next steps on a one-on-one basis with each applicant. Certification expiration dates will depend on the variables mentioned above.

How can I apply for certification?

The applications are available at www.green.dc.gov, click on Lead and Healthy Housing listed under DDOE services. Applications are also available at 1200 First Street, NE 5th floor. The entire application booklet should be reviewed to ensure the individual has all the correct documents required for certification. Individuals can apply for certification at 1200 First Street, NE 5th floor between the hours of 8:30am - 4:45pm Monday through Friday.



Lead-Based Paint 2010 Certification Exam Dates

**Location:
1200 First Street, NE 5th Floor**

**Discipline Exams 10am – 12noon
DC Law Exam 12noon-1pm**

January 20, 2010

February 24, 2010

March 17, 2010

April 21, 2010

May 19, 2010

June 16, 2010

July 21, 2010

August 18, 2010

September 15, 2010

October 20, 2010

November 17, 2010

December 15, 2010

